

August 24, 2012

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Dear Sir:

We the undersigned water users below the Patterson Dam are writing this letter to you in an effort to make you aware of our position and feelings as it relates to the decisions that have been made by Jared Manning and the consequences that we are currently dealing with as a result of his decisions.

Number 1 – In the annual Beaver River Meeting in March, Mr. Manning introduced himself and immediately announced that a 1967 memorandum of agreement between Rocky Ford Irrigation and the above named water users, in his opinion was no longer valid and was immediately discontinued. He further announced that we were going to go back to the 1931 Beaver River Decree to distribute the water. We were not in any way consulted, notified, contacted or our feelings and opinion sought after as they regard the above named agreement. As a result, from that time forth there have been issues and feelings regarding his complete disregard for our side of the agreement. We were snubbed and completely disregarded in his decision.

Number 2 – On August 23, we met with Mr. Manning and many other members of the State Water Engineer's office and all of the above water users to investigate and study all the water being distributed below the Patterson Dam. The water commissioner, Steven Gale, made a futile call some month s ago and in the meeting in August, Mr. Manning refused to support Mr. Gale's call. As a result of no support on the decisions he's made or the record's he's kept, Mr. Gale is contemplating quitting. He is one of the best commissioners we have had in years and do not want to loose him.

Number 3 – In short, we feel we have been unfairly treated, by Mr. Manning's decisions, he has been biased and openly influenced by Rocky Ford with no regard to our position on the current water issues.

Number 4 – After the meeting in August, we feel it would be in everyone's best interest to allow our consultant, Lee Sim, and Barnett for Rocky Ford to pursue reinstating and subsequently modifying the 1967 agreement. We hope that with cooler heads prevailing a reasonable conclusion can be reached. Mr. Manning also seems, as of late, to be in favor of reinstating the 1967 agreement or something similar. He needs to be the one to encourage and promote the reinstatement or reconstruction of said agreement, since he was the one who removed the memorandum of agreement that was in place.

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In conclusion, as I am sure you are aware, water issues and disputes in Beaver County are among the most highly contested in the state, which I am sure you are just as tired of as we are. Therefore, with your encouragement and possibly help, we may be able to bring this to a peaceful conclusion as soon as possible. We doubt this will happen without some guidance from above as regarding Mr. Manning

Respectfully,

Aberdare Canal Frank Edwards

Barton Ditch Frank Edwards

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Furnace Ditch Stuart Bradshaw Em Jessup

South Ditch Wayne Bradshaw

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